

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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Last Sunday, Americans in uniform lost a friend, a comrade and a man they called "GI Bob." For over half a century, Bob Hope, a treasured resident of this County, entertained 10 million servicemen and women at 700 military bases and hospitals throughout the world.

He began this mission following the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, by taking his radio shows live to camps and air bases all over the country. In 1943, he brought his USO shows overseas, wherever our troops trained and fought.

He did this at risk to his personal safety. While entertaining the troops, he survived bombings in Sicily, sniper attacks in Vietnam and a life-threatening crash on a flight to Alaska. Despite these experiences, Bob Hope and company never hesitated to go on to that next show in order to bring laughter to wounded soldiers and to lift the morale of all the troops with his matchless humor and priceless good cheer from home.

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In the words of Edward Powell, President and CEO of the USO, *“For more than five decades, through four wars and years of peacekeeping missions, Bob Hope came to symbolize, for every man and woman in uniform, the idea that America cared and supported its troops.”*

While the curtain may have fallen on his long and wonderful life, we can help to guarantee that it will never ring down on this great patriot’s legacy. The County’s Patriotic Hall was dedicated in 1926 as a living memorial to veterans and as a meeting place for public service events. Now it may also serve as a symbol of thanks for the memories Bob Hope gave us.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, THAT the Board of Supervisors honor Bob Hope’s lifetime contributions to American and allied servicemen and women by renaming the County’s Patriotic Hall as the Bob Hope Patriotic Hall.

May the spirit of Bob Hope’s show and life, a tradition of support to our servicemen and women, always go on.

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